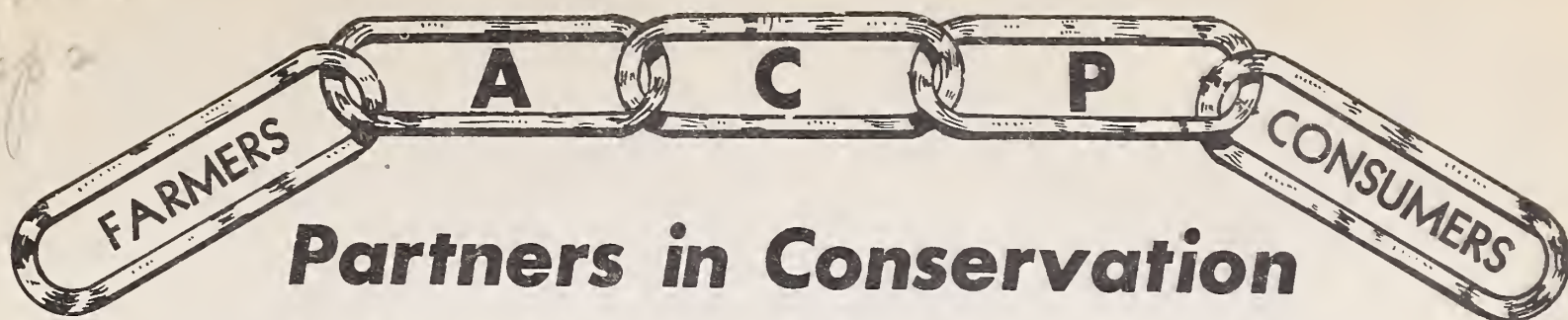


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**ACP is an important symbol for consumers  
as well as for farmers. It stands for  
Agricultural Conservation Program**

### **To Keep the Farms Producing**

ACP is a national farmer-consumer effort to encourage and financially help farmers to carry out needed conservation practices so that the farms may continue to produce. It is a recognition that the Nation's productive land is limited while the population, now 150 million, is increasing by more than 1 million a year.

### **Repairs While Operating**

Basic in ACP operations is the realization that all conservation effort must fit in with each farm's current production operations. It is not possible to close down the farm for repairs. The program started in 1936 with the passage of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and has continued through the war years and since with increasing effectiveness.

### **Most Land in Program**

Nearly half of the Nation's farmers are using the program to help meet their conservation problems. The land operated by these farmers makes up more than three-fourths of all the land in farms.

### **The Nation Shares the Cost**

Congress makes an appropriation each year to share with farmers the cost of carrying on needed conservation practices. The farmer receives on the average about 50 percent of the out-of-pocket cost when a practice is completed. This financial help is a recognition that the maintenance of the Nation's food production plant is not only a farmer responsibility but a responsibility of all the people.

## For Every Farm and Every Farmer

The Agricultural Conservation Program is open to all farmers and is accessible to every farmer. It is a direct, effective, and democratic means of stimulating conservation.

Administered by Farmers. The program is administered by farmer-elected Production and Marketing Administration committees - a committee in every agricultural county, a committeeman in every agricultural community.

A PMA Office in Every County. There is a PMA office in every agricultural county in the United States, and a PMA office and an appointed PMA committee in every State.

Practices to Fit the Land. Practices are approved and specifications are drawn up with the help of technical committees in every State. The farmer selects the practices most needed on his farm.

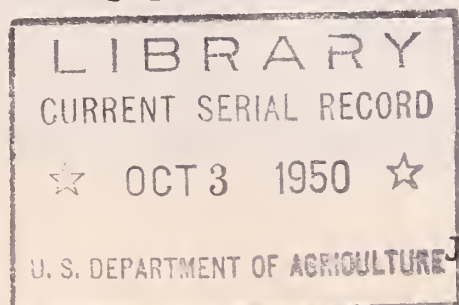
### Some Accomplishments

In the 14 years that the Agricultural Conservation Program has been in operation, 1936-49, it has aided the Nation's farmers in carrying out many conservation practices. Here are some of the accomplishments:

- (1) 455 million acres of land have been protected by seeding and re-seeding of range and pasture, planting and turning under green manure and cover crops, and planting trees and shrubs.
- (2) 131 million acres of sloping land have been protected against damage from water runoff through contour farming. Untold additional acres have been protected by 880 thousand miles of terraces, 11 billion square feet of grass waterways, 900,000 dams, 80,000 wells, and 27,000 springs and seeps.
- (3) 411 million acres have been protected against damage from wind erosion by field stripping, the proper use of stubble and crop residues, and approved summer fallow.
- (4) 4 1/2 million acres of land have been leveled to make more effective use of available water, and 84 million rods of open and closed drains have been constructed to protect irrigated land.
- (5) 237 million tons of lime, 21 million tons of phosphate, and 1 million tons of potash have been applied on 330 million acres of land to stimulate and improve protective plant growth.

County PMA committees also administer price supports, acreage allotments, marketing quotas, Federal crop insurance, and the sugar program.

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